GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4421
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Hockey Team was denied entry to the men`s hockey event in the Commonwealth Games held at Manchester;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the hockey teams from countries not forming part of the Commonwealth have been allowed participation in the games;

(d) if so, the basis for this participation in the said games;

(e) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the organisers of Commonwealth Games; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the Federation Internationale De Hockey (FIH) laid down criteria for qualification, the highest ranked Asian Nation in the recent world and/ or Continental competition from the Asian region qualified for the event in Manchester. Indian team did not meet this criterion.

(c) : No, Sir.

(a) to (f): In view of reply given at (c), do not arise.